

Dear Members,

We add another milestone to our annual Festival Celebrations. In addition to our immensely anticipated Lohri and Holi at IHC, this October we add a Diwali celebration at Habitat.

We bring you Delhi's iconic 'Ram Lila' performance by the **Shriram Bhartiya Kala Kendra**, and festive food fare from the Habitat kitchen. A perfect evening out with the family.

Close on the heels of the Diwali celebration, *Lutf-e Lucknow* returns with a two-day festival of music and culinary delights of Lucknow.

To mark the tenth year since we began **IHC Morning Ragas** in collaboration with The ITC Sangeet Research Academy, ITC SRA is back with a line-up of music's Gen next. The season begins with a Hindustani vocal recital by **Debarshee Bhattacharjee** of the Patiala Gharana, disciple of Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty.

Wildlife Week is marked by the screening of two short films directed by **Krishnendu Bose** from the documentary series "Heroes of the Wild Frontiers" which chronicles the lives and work of forest department field staff - those unheralded guardians of India's wildlife and wild places.

Music and dance resonates with the onset of the festive season. The month begins with *Eastern & Western Music Treasures* by **The Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir** and the **Neemrana Music Foundation Ensemble**. Compositions by Anis Fuleihan, Enrique Granados, Franz Liszt and Frédéric Chopin feature in a piano recital by **Marouan Benabdallah**, and the **Lyric Ensemble of Delhi** conducted by Nise Meruno makes another appearance with *Music Many Moods - Jazz, Pop*.

Taking us back in time there is *Yaaden Begum Akhtar Ki* - a tribute to 'Mallika-e-Ghazal' Begum Akhtar by **Pranati Mhatre**, an evening of Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's Qawwalis performed by **Rehmat-e-Nusrat**, *Gharana Festival* featuring rare and unique compositions of the Benares Gharana and the Rampur Sahaswan Gharana, and *Guldasta*, an evening of Indian classical and semi-classical music.

The annual LalitArpan Festival of dance conceived and curated by Guru Shovana Narayan has performances by Gurus Shovana Narayan, Sharon Lowen, Gopika Varma, Rama Vaidyanathan and dancers of the **Asavari group**. '*Bhavo-Gati*' is a vibrant Kathak performance conceived and choreographed by **Rani Khanum**, and *Dhara* brings an evening of Kuchipudi by the **Lasyakalpa Ensemble**.

Theatre this month has *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Luigi Pirandello directed by **M. K. Raina**, a Punjabi contemporisation of Garcia Lorca's *Blood Wedding* directed by **Sanjay Kumar**, and a Dastangoi festival curated by **Mahmood Farooqui**.

Marking Gandhi Jayanti is a panel discussion on the book *Parampara aur Parvacharan: Sustainability in the Handloom Traditions of India*.

The 2nd Annual Shamsur Rahman Faruqi Memorial Lecture is on *The Parab: A Multilingual Literary History* by **Professor Francesca Orsini**, renowned scholar of medieval and modern Urdu and Hindi. The Gaitonde Memorial Lecture has **Ranjit Hoskote** speaking on *How Words Survive*, and celebrating Baba Bullehshah is *Tere Ishq Nachaya* - a discussion & recitation by **Dr. Madan Gopal Singh** and **Dr. Vanita** to music by **Dhruv Sangari** and narration by **Sanjeev Upadhyaya**.

IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS brings diverse subjects and speakers: *Autocrats: Charisma, Power, And Their Lives* by **Rajiv Dogra**; a dramatised reading of **Salman Khurshid's Sons of Babur**; and *Strategic Conundrums: Reshaping India's Foreign Policy* by **Rajiv Sikri**.

We continue with our monthly series: **InfraKatha** - a series of conversations analysing the infrastructure of the future; **Trendspotting: Why Things Matter** - a series that connects the frontiers of academia, research and thought with issues that matter to people's lives; and **Suitably Booked - The IHC Hybrid Book Club** that features an online interaction with author and poet, **Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni**.

The IHC Free Book X'change and the nursery plants sale as always is on the first Sunday of the month.

Wishing you a noise-free and pollution-free Happy Diwali!

MUSIC MANY MOODS
Jazz, Pop & Musical theatre
(English/90 mins)
by the Lyric Ensemble of Delhi
Voice Coach: Situ Singh Buehler
October 5, Saturday | 7:30pm
The Stein Auditorium
Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.
Entry for 6 years & above

Gwalior
By Manjari Chaturvedi
(Hindi/75 Mins)
STORIES SONGS
Featuring Meeta Pandit
TO CELEBRATE THE LIVING LEGEND
GURU PANDIT LAXMAN KRISHNA RAO PANDIT
A storytelling and classical music and dance presentation by Manjari Chaturvedi and Vidushi Meeta Pandit, 6th generation vocalist from the Gwalior Gharana. Travel back in time and listen to stories and music of a bygone era.
October 6, Sunday | 7:30pm
The Stein Auditorium
Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200 available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.
Entry for 6 years & above

Garcia Lorca's BLOOD WEDDING
A Pandies' Theatre contemporisation
(Punjabi/90 mins)
Direction: **Sanjay Kumar**
Blood Wedding was staged for the first time in 1932. A condemnation of violence, of the masculine cult of the knife, Lorca's play was celebrated for its inherent message of peace, speaking particularly from and of the predicament of women who are left behind in the aftermath of violence with only the memories of men. The Pandies' "contemporisation", brings the play to India, to contemporary Punjab. A call against exclusion, the Pandies' version uses this tragedy to make a fervent appeal for inclusivity.
October 13, Sunday | 7:00pm
The Stein Auditorium
Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.
Entry for 13 years & above

India Habitat Centre & ITC Sangeet Research Academy present
IHC Morning RAGAS
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
Hindustani Vocal recital by **Debarshee Bhattacharjee**
Accompanied by **Bivash Sanghai** on Tabla and **Vinay Mishra** on Harmonium
20th Oct, 2024
Sunday | 10:30am
Amphitheatre
India Habitat Centre
Log on to www.habitatworld.com or www.indiahabitat.org for more details.
An IHC Presentation in collaboration with ITC Sangeet Research Academy

LEKHAK KI KHOJ MEIN KIRDAR
(Hindi/100 mins)
based on Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*
Director: **M. K. Raina**
The play features a group of six characters who claim to be real creations from an abandoned work. The characters interrupt a company of actors during rehearsals and implore the director to stage their story.
Production: Three Arts Club
October 19, Saturday | 7:00pm
The Stein Auditorium
Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.
Entry for 10 years & above

IHC DIWALI CELEBRATIONS
October 25, Friday | MARGOSA LAWN
6:30pm onwards
|| RAM ||
(90 mins)
Producer & Director: **Shobha Deepak Singh**
A dance drama depicting Lord Rama's life from his birth to his triumphant return to Ayodhya for **Rajya Abhishek** by **Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra**
Institute For Indian Classical Music & Dance.
Food & Beverage stalls open from 6:00pm
ENTRY FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.

Lutf-e-Lucknow
Khana aur Gaana
The Stein Auditorium
October 26 | 7:00pm
Tarannum se Kabir
(Hindustani/60 mins)
A Musical Performance by **Askari Naqvi** and **Mohd. Zeeshan Abbas**
October 27 | 7:00pm
Akhari Se Begum Akhtar
(Hindustani/60 mins)
A Musical Performance by **Askari Naqvi**
Awadhi Home Cooked Food Festival
with home chef **Sheeba Iqbal**
Food Stall at Charminar : 26 & 27 October 2024
Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200 available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, Habitat World, IHC.

Rehmat-e-Nusrat
Celebrating **Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan** on his 76th birth anniversary with the legend's finest Qawwalis
(Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi/120 mins)
October 24, Thursday | 7:00pm
The Stein Auditorium
Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

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MEDITERRANEAN FLAIR
Spanish Style Tossed Prawns, Sherry Chilli Sauce, Red Onion
Fresh Coriander Marinated Chicken, White Wine Infused Sundried Tomato Salsa
Sliced Chicken, Lettuce, Citrus Fruits, Demerara Tabasco Dressing Salad
Paella De Mariscos
Braised Lamb Shank, Sabanegh Bi Lahmeh, Rustic Minted Jus
Classic Spanish Omelette With Lamb Pepperoni
Marinated Olives, Burrata & Tapenade
Paella De Verduras
Vegetable Maqluba, Yogurt Sauce
Paprika Spiced Cottage Cheese, Vegetables in Tomato Confit, Garlic Bread
Vegetable Shashlik, Tomato Feta Salsa, Vegetable Sayadieh and more...
Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3318

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PAN ASIAN
Malaysian Delicacies
Stir Fried Prawns, Sambal Sauce, Pickled Onion
Ikan Bakar - Malaysian Fried Fish
Fluffy Fried Bun Stuffed With Roasted Chicken, Assorted Dips
Kari Ikan - Malaysian Fish Curry With Roti Canai
Stir Fried Crispy Lamb, Assorted Bell Peppers
Grilled Vegetable Satay, Sambal Sauce
Steamed Spring Roll Stuffed With Bean Sprout, Tofu, Cucumber, Carrot, Sweet Soy
Rojak - Mixed Fruit Salad, Tangy Sesame Dressing
Crispy Okra With Coconut Flakes, Mint, Fresh Basil
Stir Fried Corn And Asparagus, Dry Red Pepper and more...
Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3315

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THIS NAVRATRA, FEAST WHILE YOU FAST!
Available from 3rd to 12 October, 2024
Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3304

Wednesday Nights at **The Terrace Bar**
Every Wednesday | 7:00PM to Midnight
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
on all alcoholic beverages
HAPPY HOURS | 25% OFF
on all alcoholic beverages
Thursday to Tuesday | 11:00am to 1:30pm & 7:00pm to 9:00pm

SALE OF PLANTS BY IHC
October 6th, Sunday | 11:00am-4:00pm
Near IHC Information Centre
Money Plant, Tulsi (Ocimum Sanctum), Jade Plant, Portulaca Flowering Plant
Rs. 50/- for each in 6" Earthen Pots
Rs. 100/- for each in 8" Earthen Pots

Lucky draw winners of 'Comment Cards' at all member restaurants in August 2024
Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal*

Restaurant	1 st Fortnight	2 nd Fortnight
Med	Mitali Gupta (A-9371)	R.K Mathur (A-0818)
Ann / The Terrace Bar	Rajneesh Malik (A-9017)	Lavlin Thadani (A-5014)
East	M.S Sekhon (A-0721)	Sushma Ramachandran (A-3749)

The next time you visit any of our restaurants, don't forget to fill in the Comment Card. You might just win a complimentary meal for two!
*Conditions apply.



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The new skyroof in the IHC courtyards after complete renovation of Stein's iconic sunscreens.



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